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COUNTRIES' DRAFT CONCERNING NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE DRAFT PROPOSAL GENERALLY AGREED TO BY WESTERN COUNTRIES IN A DRAFTING SESSION JANUARY 27 AND REPORTED IN SEPTEL.

2. QUOTE THE GOVERNING COUNCIL:

1. REAFFIRMS ITS CONCERN REGARDING THE CONTINUING ACCUMULATION IN THE TREASURY OF THE UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF THE NOT-READILY-USABLE CONTRIBUTIONS PLEDGED BY SOME DONOR COUNTRIES, DESPITE INTENSIVE EFFORTS BY THE ADMINISTRATOR TO UTILIZE THEM FOR PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS ITS CONCERN THAT FURTHER ACCRETIONS TO PROGRAMME FUNDING RESOURCES OF CURRENCIES OF WHICH THE PROGRAMME ALREADY HAS AN ACCUMULATION WILL SEVERELY UNDERMINE FURTHER PRUDENT PROGRAMME PLANNING.

2. DECIDES THAT EXISTING ACCUMULATIONS OF NOT-READILY-USABLE CURRENCIES (AS INDICATED IN TABLE 3 OF DP/238), SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE AN UNDISTRIBUTED RESERVE AND THAT PROGRAMME PLANNING, THE ESTIMATE OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE PROGRAMME UNCLASSIFIED

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(INCLUDING COUNTRY, REGIONAL, INTER-REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ALLOCATIONS) AND EXPENDITURE CEILINGS SHALL NOT INCLUDE THE FUNDS HELD IN THIS RESERVE.

3. DECIDES THAT FUNDS IN THIS RESERVE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL RESOURCES OF THE PROGRAMME BY THE ADMINISTRATOR, AT HIS DISCRETION, ON THE BASIS OF REALISTIC ESTIMATES OF

EXPENDITURES OF SUCH CURRENCIES AND THAT, HAVING DONE SO,
THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL REVISE ACCORDINGLY HIS ESTIMATE
OF THE GENERAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE PROGRAMME AND THE
EXPENDITURE CEILINGS, AND REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE COUNCIL THEREON.

- 4. URGES GOVERNMENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO UNDP IN CURRENCIES READILY USABLE, OR CONVERTIBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 6.4 OF THE FINANCIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- 5. REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR, IN HIS EFFORTS TO FIND APPROPRIATE METHODS TO EMPLOY THE ACCUMULATIONS OF NOT-READILY-USABLE CURRENCIES TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO FINANCIAL REGULATION 6.5 WHICH PROVIDES THAT VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL BE MADE WITHOUT LIMITATIONS AS TO USE BY A SPECIFIC PARTICIPATING AND EXECUTING AGENCY, IN A SPECIFIC RECIPIENT COUNTRY OR FOR A SPECIFIC PROJECT, AND THAT NO CONTRIBUTING GOVERNMENT SHALL RECEIVE SPECIAL TREATMENT WITH RESPECT TO ITS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION NOR SHALL NEGOTIATION FOR THE USE OF CURRENCIES CONTRIBUTED TO UNDP TAKE PLACE BETWEEN CONTRIBUTING AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES.
- 6. REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR, WHERE, DESPITE HIS EFFORTS, NOT-READILY-USABLE CURRENCIES CONTINUE TO ACCUMULATE, TO ASSIGN THEM TO THE UNDISTRIBUTED RESERVE REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE.
- 7. REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR TO BRING AGAIN TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED THE OFFER MADE BY ONE COUNTRY AT THE 22ND SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL REGARDING THE POSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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ELIMINATION OF THE EXISTING ACCUMULATION OF NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES.

8. INSTRUCTS THE ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS
TO ENSURE THAT ALL PAYMENTS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES (INCLUDING
THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT, SUB-CONTRACTS, TRANSPORT ETC.)
RENDERED TO ALL UNDP-FINANCED PROJECTS BY ENTITIES HEADQUARTERED
IN COUNTRIES OF WHOSE CURRENCIES THE UNDP HAS A NOT-READILYUSABLE ACCUMULATION, ARE PAID EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUCH SERVICES
FROM THESE ACCUMULATIONS, AND THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAKE A
DETAILED STATUS REPORT TO THE 24TH GOVERNING COUNCIL ON
1) THE MEASURES HE HAS TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THIS REQUEST; AND
2) THE PROBLEMS, IF ANY, HE HAS ENCOUNTERED IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION. UNQUOTE
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